



COMMENDATIONS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2006

Employee	Commendation
Steve Wright, Pct. 2, Sammamish	The parents of an autistic boy wrote to the Sheriff's website to thank Deputy Wright for his calm demeanor while dealing with their son, who had wandered from home in the middle of the night. He had walked to a friend's house, about 3 miles from his home, and that family called police, suspecting he was a prowler. Deputy Wright not only treated him "with exceptional kindness" and took him home, but went to the reporting family's home to let them know the prowler was their son's friend and that he was now safe at home.
Jim Leach, MARR Unit	Chief David Stern of the Edmonds Police Department wrote to thank Detective Leach for doing such a thorough, objective and timely accident investigation when one of their patrol cars was involved in an accident in the Shoreline area.
Steve Everist, Latent Print Unit	KC Prosecutor Jim Ferrell wrote to Steve thanking him for his testimony in a recent case. Steve's professional testimony regarding the prints he matched to the suspect in this case was very helpful to the jury who found the suspect guilty as charged.
Bill Brown, Pct. 3	Sgt. Hurley received a call from a citizen who was very appreciative of how professionally Deputy Brown handled her car accident, and how kind and patient he was with her. She told the sergeant that she was very distraught and Bill took the time to calm her down and show her genuine compassion. She said generally, getting her opinions from the television and newspapers, that she was a person who did not have much respect for police officers. After her interactions with Deputy Brown she was very impressed and had a change of heart about the people who protect and serve.
Jim Knauss, Chris Bedker, Rich Barton, Jim Youngblood, Greg McKinney and Steve Marshall – Marine Unit	The Mercer Island Police Department sent a letter of gratitude to the Sheriff to thank these deputies who responded quickly and professionally to assist in the search and rescue operation of two swimmers who had disappeared under the waters of Yarrow Bay. After intensely searching for one hour, the situation transitioned into a recovery operation. With assistance from SPD's side scan sonar vessel the bodies were located and these deputies (divers) worked with Mercer Island officers (divers) to recover the victims' bodies for their friends and families. MIPD states they value the relationship with KCSO and add that the technical expertise, skill and teamwork this group provided was essential to the success of this operation.
Mike Broderick, Pct. 2	Deputy Broderick received kudos from a man who witnessed Mike talking to a young man who is paranoid schizophrenic and was in a very agitated and angry state. Mike talked to him calmly, and spent the time to calm him down and get the situation resolved. The reporting person was impressed with Deputy Broderick's friendly, caring and professional approach to this volatile situation.

Tom Liu, Pct 4 Randy Potter, K-9 Tom Hill, Pct. 3 Eric Lewis, Pct. 3 Kurt Wayerski	<p>Lo-Jack writes to thank these deputies for their diligence in the recovery of vehicles that are Lo-Jack equipped.</p>
KCSO Commissioned Personnel who attended SPD Officer Barber's Memorial Service	<p>The Commanding Officer with the British Columbia Ambulance Services Honor Guard wrote to Sheriff Rahr to express his appreciation for the professional demeanor and appearance of the deputies at the memorial service for fallen SPD Officer Joselito Barber. Superintendent Harford was very impressed with those representing the KCSO that day; "In conversation they were respectful and welcoming... Their interactions with members of the public and other Law Enforcement professionals demonstrated once again the high caliber of individuals you have in your command."</p>